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Dear Superintendents, Principals, and Curriculum Directors:

As you know, Social Studies, including Economics, is now part of the spring 2009 ISTEP⁺ test. The Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE), based at Purdue University, and ICEE's network of University Centers for Economic Education can help your teachers – and their students – get ready for the test. (www.econed-in.org/centers.asp)

The ICEE network has a long track record of providing motivating in-service programs for K-12 teachers. In these programs, teachers receive basic instruction on the economics content found in the Indiana Standards. Teachers also learn about creative teaching strategies and curriculum materials, including *Play Dough Economics*, *Half-Pint Economics*, *Pint-Size Economics*, *Herschel's World of Economics*, *The Classroom Mini-Economy*, *Trading Around the World*, and others.

ICEE also offers the popular and colorful *KidsEcon Posters*® to place in classrooms – visually reminding students each day of the economic content they need to learn. (See www.kidseconposters.com)

Please consider contacting your local University Center or our office about these training opportunities for your teachers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Harlan R. Day". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H" and "D".

Harlan R. Day
Executive Director